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Mr. Bohlen - C

Subject: Proposed NSC Paper covering the Arab States, Israel and Iran

In going over the proposed NSC Policy Statement on the Arab States, Israel and Iran with Paul, we have decided that the paper would be improved if an additional objective were stated. In the underlying staff study the point is made that one of our real problems in the area is to secure a recognition by the people of the area of their true interests and to persuade them that our objectives are in accordance with those true interests. Some recent material suggests that we are very far indeed from achieving this identification of interests, not only with respect to such obvious instances as the Iranian and Egyptian disputes but even in less obvious cases.

We therefore would like to propose that when the paper comes before the Senior Staff you seek to include among the objectives in the Policy Statement the following:

> "(e) To identify our objectives with the true interests and welfare of the peoples of the area and to pursue our objectives in consonance with the principles of the United Nations charter."

I will be glad to discuss this with you, if you wish, before this paper comes up for discussion in the Senior Staff.

John H. Ferguson

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